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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle CorpsEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 31 August 1954 25X1REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

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1. From 2 to 20 August 1954, the Kindel troop training grounds was still occupied by an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 men. At the beginning of August, highway No 84 was blocked to civilian traffic. From 13 to 17 August, artillery firing with medium caliber was conducted at the training grounds. Construction work on the temporary buildings was continued. New buildings on the southwestern border of the Kindel Woods between Moellmen ^(Sieg) and the Kuenkelhof estate and another temporary building west-southwest of Kuenkelhof were completed.

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2. On 18 August, a troop train with 6 JS-2s, 16 T-34/85s, and 5 trucks arrived at the Eisenach freight station. The elements moved to Camp Kindel along highway No 84. Tank On 19 and 20 August, tank firing was repeatedly heard from the area north of highway No 84. ¹

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3. On 27 July, about 45 T-34s and 10 to 12 SP guns covered with tarpaulins were parked on the parking lot east of the Kindel Woods. About 60 circular tents with a capacity of about 600 men were seen in the woods. Two 37-mm AA guns were emplaced 700 meters west of the woods along highway No 84. A fuel depot with about 100 x 500-liter barrels was located about 500 meters west-northwest of the Kuenkelhof. Soviets and Germans have ~~some~~ ^{for} some time been tearing down temporary barracks buildings in Hainer Forst. So far, about 150 buildings have been torn down.

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4. On 12 August, a troop train was assembled at the Eisenach railroad station. The train, which left toward Erfurt at 1900 carried the following troops and material:

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about 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets;

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5. At about 1700 on 18 August, a military ship unloaded at the Eisenach railroad station. Ten DLP type pontoon amphibious car and about 30 soldiers with black-bordered black uniforms were unloaded.

6. On 18 August, at least 15 guns covered with camouflage nets were emplaced on a clearing in the woods north of highway between Trueglingen and Gotha (see Map of Germany, scale 1:25,000). The area was cordoned off by soldiers with artillery insignia.

7. The installations in Naumburg were occupied as follows between 1 and 6 August:

Hubertus Kaserne (8382)

an engineer unit of about 500 men who wore black epaulets and black epaulets with engineer insignia. According to an officer, the unit, which was previously stationed in Eisenach, was transferred to the Dessau area. The transfer had to be postponed because of the flood.

Bluecher Kaserne (8381)

a guard unit of 300 to 350 men who wore black epaulets. The unit furnished the guards for the military of the former Oberlandesgericht (provincial court) building, the railway depot and the Hindenburg Kaserne.

Bismarck Kaserne (8385)

a unit of 300 to 400 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops practiced with four guns, probably in the morning of 12 August, an AAA unit with field equipment.

north of Saalhaeuser, 4 km west of the town and on 14 August, 3

Barbara Kaserne (8384)

still quartering a unit of about 300 men wearing black epaulets with signal insignia. No training activity was noticed.

Hindenburg Kaserne (8383)

no occupation observed.

Former Oberlandesgericht (8387)

on 4 August an officers' meeting was presumably held. sedans and trucks parked in front of the building.

8. After 28 July, 6 AA guns, presumably of 85-mm caliber, were emplaced in a ruined area east of the Naumburg-Teuchern railroad. The former Panzer Nebenzeugamt was partly used as ration supply. AA gun crews were quartered in several tents near the emplacement.

The guns were exchanged on 12 August that the new units was not one of those stationed in Naumburg. The crews were messaged from the Bismarck Kaserne.

9. On 4 August, no training activity was noticed at the training grounds. No heavy weapons were noticed.

Troops which were seen in the Thulberg area in Forst Rastenberg in late June were no longer seen in August. Residents observed them to have departed for the Lossau training grounds.

10. From 3 to 6 August, the barracks installations in Weissenfels were as follows: the Infanterie Kaserne (8521) by about 500 men wearing red-bordered red epaulets and the Pionier Kaserne (8522) by about 500 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. An infantry practice area in the Lossau training area on 3 August involved about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered red epaulets and 1 SU-76 from the Infanterie Kaserne.

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1. Comment. Observations indicate that the occupation of the Kindel Troop training grounds generally remained unchanged until 20 August. For the first time, artillery and tank firing practices were observed there in August. The tanks identified on 12 and 18 August belong to the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt and the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Weissenfels. It is assumed that elements of the 67th Engr Bn of the division arrived in Kindel on 18 August. 25X1
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2. Comment. The 67th Engr Bn of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned between 23 and 25 July, It is believed, however, to have returned from the Dessau area rather than from the Eisenach area as was alleged by the officer. It was inferred from official records, that a shipment linked with this return was dispatched from Aken to Naumburg on 22 July. 25X1
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3. Comment. It is apparent that the bulk of the units of the 498th AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps were still at their post in mid-August. A light battery of the regiment practiced north of Saalhausen from 12 to 14 August. See Map of Germany, scale 1:25,000, sheet 4836. 25X1
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4. Comment. No AAA emplacement was previously seen there. The unit which newly arrived on 12 August is believed to belong to the 498th AAA 25X1
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6. Comment. No changes in the occupation of Weissenfels kasernes were discernible compared to information from June and July. 25X1
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